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The Honorable Wes Keller
Alaska House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Keller:

The new specialty drug tiers have caused us to have to consider stopping my husband's MS medication. Our Co-Pay went from \$30/mo to nearly \$1200/mo. No financial assistance applies to us although it is a major financial burden. Other states have laws banning tier 4 drug pricing (New York, etc). Does it make sense to have people stopping their meds & making more hospital trips? Please direct me how to get this on someone's radar so this can be dealt with. I am sure there are many others suffering as well. ALL MS medications are now tier 4. I would appreciate anything you can do. It looks like the HB 218 only requires 90 days notice. The problem is the same, in 90 days people will just have to stop their medication. We have always paid our own way, not on welfare, don't take govt assistance...but \$1200 a month? Plus our massive insurance premiums we pay each month?? We need help - please let me know if there is anything you can do.

Sincerely,

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